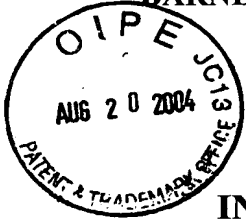


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☒ [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.

☐ [] Applicant hereby petitions for a -month *extension* and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the month after the due date of , 2003. The payment of \$.00 to cover the -month extension is enclosed herewith.

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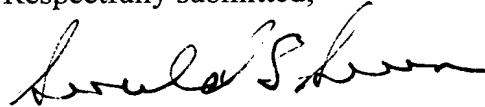
The following is made pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.79 and 1.98.

Enclosed are the following documents:

1. Gast Catalog, Copyright 1998, pages 12-15 regarding the Gast 23 Series compressors.
2. Operation and Maintenance Manual for RV03-RV05 Series Oil as Compressors, Copyright 2001, Part No. 70-298 PL (REV B) 8 pages.

The official fee set out in 37 CFR §1.97(d) (2) and 1.7 (p) is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to the deposit account No. 12-0913.

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